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SUBJECT: FY 1974 SPECIAL FINANCIAL PLAN

GOVT. OF MEXICO HAS INCREASED COST OF GASOLINE, LIQUID PROPANE GAS AND DIESEL FUEL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 1973. IN SUBMISSION OF SPECIAL FINANCIAL PLAN DATED DECEMBER 4TH EMBASSY DID NOT ANTICIPATE THESE INCREASES IN GOING RATE. INCREASES WERE PROJECTED FOR FUELS IN SCHEDULE SEVEN PART B HOWEVER NOT IN THE MAGNITUDE ANNOUNCED BY GOM. IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON SHARED AND PROGRAM ALLOTMENTS GOING RATE AS FOLLOWS:

GASOLINE INCREASED 100 O/O NECESSITATES INCREASES IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT \$3800 AND \$3200 IN SHARED ALLOTMENT (SUB OBJECT CLASS 2611).

LIQUID PROPANE GAS INCREASED 130 O/O NECESSITATES INCREASES IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT \$1600 AND \$500 IN SHARED ALLOTMENT (SUB OBJECT CLASS 2360). DIESEL FUEL INCREASED 41 O/O NECESSITATES INCREASES IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT \$350 SHARED ALLOTMENT \$150 (SUB OBJECT CLASS 2654).

AS A RESULT ESCALATION FUEL PRICES EMBASSY EXPECTS RISE IN TRANSPORTATION COSTS, AIRPOUCH SERVICES, POSTAGE, CONTRACTUAL SERVICES, UTILITY EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES WITH EVENTUAL BUT INEVITABLE PRESSURE ON SALARIES FOR MEXICAN EMPLOYEES.

TELEPHONE CHARGES: THE BASIC (FLAT) MONTHLY RATES FOR SERVICE IS TO GOUP 50 PERCENT IN APRIL 1, 1974 AND TOLL CHARGES WILL BE INCREASED BY 12 PERCENT AT THE SAME TIME. REGULAR SERVICES INCREASES THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT \$1200

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(SUB-OBJECT 2321) SHARED ALLOTMENT \$2400 TELEPHONE TOLLS INCREASES

IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT \$600 SHARED ALLOTMENT \$540 (SUB-OBJECT 2322).

MINIMUM WAGE - IN EARLY JANUARY THE MINIMUM WAGE WILL BE INCREASED BY 12 PERCENT. IMPACTS: ORE, LOW END OF FSL SCALES, SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS, ETC. INCREASES THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT \$500 SHARED ALLOTMENT \$828.

RECOMMEND THAT ARA/MGT/FM RECEIVE COPY OF EMBASSY TELEGRAM 9392 FOR THE LATEST EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF WAGE/PRICE PROSPECTS IN MEXICO FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

EMBASSY WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED ON INCREASES HAVING IMPACT ON ITS OPERATION.

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